First South Asian Conference for Advancing the Rights of Women with Disabilities through Networking and Capacity building for Advocacy

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KATHMANDU DECLARATION

1. In deep concern that WwDs are affected by multiple discrimination and violence so we demand the enactment of enforceable legislation, policies and laws to address discrimination and violence against women with disabilities and its implementation in practice.
2. Highlighting the fact that WwDs are kept dependent, passive, and economically weak and their domestic exercises are not considered so we demand to include effective economic empowerment programs, policies, and provisions to empower WwDs in all spheres of lives.
3. Realizing that there is very low participation and representation in different platform, decision making bodies, national and international forum of WwDs so south Asian countries, policy and concern stakeholders should ensure the meaningful participation of WWDs in such policy making mechanism.
4. Highlighting the situation of high drop-out rates in receiving education among girl/ WwDs of due to lack of disable friendly environment, poverty, sign language trained teacher, lack of awareness, discrimination and violence, lack of disabled friendly curriculum, so special education policies with monitoring mechanism based on data, research and methodology should be in acted.
5. Realizing the need that there is lack of evidence, research, literatures, data and findings in issues of WwDs so government plan, policies, programmes working on disability should mandatory include these activities in yearly schedules.
6. In the situation of availability of low financial resources and vocational skills WwDs are left back from the economic activities thus, we strongly demand the state to accommodate WwDs in poverty reduction strategies plan and scheme of economic empowerment of vulnerable section of the society.

7. Despite of the commitment of the government, there is lack of implementation of national and international laws, treaties, conventions like UNCRPD, CRC, CEDAW and regional strategies such as Incheon Strategy for make the rights real so internalization of such instruments in domestic laws should be done and implemented in practice.

8. Highlighting the difficulties faced by WwDs in enjoying rights of Reproductive health there is no attention paid for providing better service to WwDs during pregnancy and maternity. Thus we strongly demand the concern authorities to ensure special attention in hospital and health centres, the compatible service for providing reproductive health facilities for WwDs with accessible infrastructures, beds, support services and appliances.

9. Till to date the diversities within WwDs including various types and intensities of disabilities are not acknowledged and identified. Thus, we strongly demand government and concerned stakeholders to apply inclusive approaches and strategies to mainstream them.

10. Realizing the flat and monotonous life of WwDs and less accessibility in recreational activities. We demand as assurance of inclusiveness in all leisure and recreational activities.

11. Highlighting the fact that water and sanitation facilities are not accessible for WwDs in public and private sphere, we strongly highlight the need of building disabled friendly and inclusive water and sanitation infrastructures including proper and safe menstruation, health, hygiene facilities.

12. WwDs with psychosocial disabilities are excluded and abandoned from family and community, thus compel them live in street resulting negative social consequences, thus we strongly demand to protect the rights of health, socialization, reintegration in the family and spend dignified life as a part of economically active member of the family and society.

13. Realizing the fact that the mothers of intellectual disability of autism, hemophilia, muscular dystrophy, down syndrome, and multiple disabilities are facing numerous challenges including job continuation, family sustainability, social participation and respecting the self worth, thus we demand the parents of Children with disabilities specially the mothers should have ensure rights of affirmative action non discrimination and encouragement from corresponding entities.

14. Highlighting the fact that there are lack of assistive devices and personal assistant service for WwDs, that hinders their full and effective participation so we strongly demand governments to provide relevant assistive devices, PA service mechanism to be available in community and service delivery institutions and to establish production unit of assistive devices in local level with locally available resources.

15. Highlighting the fact that there is no adequacy of sign language interpreter SLI, sign languaSLW , Braille materials and accessible infrastructures so we strongly demand for providing accessible means of communication with SLI and braillee and multimedia representation along with accessible infrastructures development.